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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 RYAN P. MOORE,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 GIBSON, et al.,

12 Defendants.

Case No. 18-570 RSM-BAT

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL**

13 Plaintiff filed a *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* civil rights action. He now moves for
14 appointment of counsel. Dkt. 9. A person generally has no right to counsel in a civil action. *See*
15 *Campbell v. Burt*, 141 F.3d 927, 931 (9th Cir. 1998). The Court may appoint counsel for indigent
16 civil litigants under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), but only under “exceptional circumstances.”
17 *Agyeman v. Corrections Corp. of Am.*, 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th Cir. 2004). When determining
18 whether “exceptional circumstances” exist, the Court considers “the likelihood of success on the
19 merits as well as the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims *pro se* in light of the
20 complexity of the legal issues involved.” *Weygandt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983).

21 Plaintiff requests appointment of counsel on the grounds no lawyer that he has contacted
22 has been willing to represent him. This is not an extraordinary circumstance warranting the
23 appointment of counsel at this point and the Court accordingly **DENIES** the motion, Dkt. 9,

1 without prejudice. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to plaintiff.

2 DATED this 6th day of June, 2018.

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4 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
5 United States Magistrate Judge
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